

In neither ought, or in extremity:

Now what my loue is, prooffe hath made you know,  
And as my Loue is siz'd, my Feare is so.

King. Faith I must leaue thee Loue, and shortly too:  
My operant Powers my Functions leaue to do:  
And thou shalt line in this faire world behinde,  
Honour'd, belou'd, and haply, one as kinde.  
For Husband shalt thou—

Bap. Oh confound the rest:  
Such Loue, must needs be Treason in my brest:  
In second Husband, let me be accurst,  
None wed the second, but who kill'd the first.

Ham. Wormwood, Wormwood.  
Bapt. The instances that second Marriage moue,  
Are base respects of Thrift, but none of Loue.  
A second time, I kill my Husband dead,  
When second Husband kisses me in Bed.

King. I do beleue you. Think what now you speak:  
But what we do determine, oft we breake:  
Purpose is but the slave to Memorie,  
Of violent Birth, but poore validitie;  
Which now like Fruite vniue sticks on the Tree,  
But fall vnsheaken, when they mellow bee.  
Most necessary 'tis, that we forget  
To pay our selues, what to our selues is debt:  
What to our selues in passion we propose,  
The passion ending, doth the purpose lose.  
The violence of other Greeke or Ioy,  
Their owne ennaftors with themselves destroy:  
Where Ioy most Reuels, Greeke doth most lament;  
Greeke Ioyes, Ioy greues on slender accident.  
This world is not for aye, nor 'tis not strange  
That euen our Loues should with our Fortunes change.  
For 'tis a question left vs yet to proue,  
Whether Loue lead Fortune, or else Fortune Loue:  
The great man downe, you marke his fauourites flie,  
The poore aduanc'd, makes Friends of Enemies:  
And hitherto doth Loue on Fortune tend;  
For who not needs, shall neuer lacke a Friend:  
And who in want a hollow Friend doth try,  
Direly seasons him his Enemie.

But orderly to end, where I begun,  
Our Willes and Fates do so contrary run,  
That our Deuices still are overthrowne,  
Our thoughts are ours, their ends none of our owne.  
So thinke thou wilt no second Husband wed.  
But die thy thoughts, when thy first Lord is dead.

Bap. Nor Earth to giue me food, nor Heauen light,  
Sport and repose locke from me day and night:  
Each opposite that blankes the face of Ioy,  
Meet what I would haue well, and it destroy:  
Both heere, and hence, pursue me lasting strife,  
If once a Widdow, euer I be Wife.

Ham. If she should breake it now.  
King. 'Tis deeply sworne:  
Sweet, leaue me heere a while,  
My spirits grow dull, and faine I would beguile  
The tedious day with sleepe.

Qu. Sleepe rocke thy Braine, Sleepes  
And neuer come mischance betweene vs twaine. Exit

Ham. Madam, how like you this Play?

Qu. The Lady protests to much me thinks.

Ham. Oh but shee'l keepe her word.

King. Haue you heard the Argument, is there no Of-

fence in't?

Ham. No, no, they do but iest, poyson in iest, no Of-

fence i'th world.

King. What do you call the Play?

Ham. The Mouse-trap: Marry how? Tropically:  
This Play is the Image of a murder done in Vienna: Gonzago is the Dukes name, his wife Baptista: you shall see anon: 'tis a knauish peece of worke: But what o'that? Your Maiestie, and wee that haue free soules, it touches vs not: let the gaild iade winch: our withers are wrung.

Enter Lucianus.  
This is one Lucianus nephew to the King.  
Ophe. You are a good Chorus, my Lord.  
Ham. I could interpret betweene you and your loue:  
if I could see the Puppets dallying.

Ophe. You are keene my Lord, you are keene.  
Ham. It would cost you a groaning, to take off my edge.

Ophe. Still better and worse.  
Ham. So you mistake Husbards.  
Begin Murderer. Pox, leaue thy damnable Faces, and begin. Come, the croaking Rauen doth bellow for Reuenge.

Lucian. Thoughts blacke, hands apt,  
Drugges fit, and Time agreeing:  
Confederate season, else, no Creature seeing:  
Thou mixture ranke, of Midnight Weeds collected,  
With Hecats Ban, thrice blasted, thrice infected,  
Thy naturall Magicke, and dire propertie,  
On wholsome life, vsurpe immediately.

Powres the poyson in his eares.  
Ham. He poysons him i'th Garden for's estate: His name's Gonzago: the Story is extant and writ in choyce Italian. You shall see anon how the Murderer gets the loue of Gonzago's wife.

Ophe. The King rises.  
Ham. What, frighted with false fire.

Qu. How fares my Lord?

Pol. Give o're the Play.

King. Giue me some Light. Away.

All. Lights, Lights, Lights.

Manet Hamlet & Horatio. Exeunt

Ham. Why let the stricken Deere go weepe,  
The Hart vngalled play:  
For some must watch, while some must sleepe;  
So runnes the world away.  
Would not this Sir, and a Forrest of Feathers, if the rest of my Fortunes tutne Turke with me; with two Prouinciall Rofes on my rac'd Shooes, get me a Fellowship in aerie of Players fir.

Hor. Halfe a share.

Ham. A whole one I,  
For thou dost know: Oh Damon deere,  
This Realme dismantled was of Ioue himselfe,  
And now reigne heere.

A verie verie Poyooke.

Hor. You might haue Rim'd.

Ham. Oh good Horatio, Ile take the Ghosts word for a thousand pound. Didst perceiue?

Hor. Verie well my Lord.

Ham. Vpon the talke of the poysoning?

Hor. I did verie well note him.

Enter Rosinrance and Guildenstorne.

Ham. Oh, ha? Come some Musick. Come y Recorder:  
For if the King like not the Comedie,  
Why then belike he likes it not perdie.  
Come some Musicke.

Guild. Good my Lord, vouchsafe me a word with you. Ham.

Ham. Sir, a whole History.

Guild. The King, fir.

Ham. I fir, what of him?

Guild. Is in his retyrement, maruellous distemper'd.

Ham. With drinke Sir?

Guild. No my Lord, rather with choller.

Ham. Your wisdom should shew it selfe more richer, to signifie this: to his Doctor: for for me to put him to his Purgation, would perhaps plundge him into farre more Choller.

Guild. Good my Lord put your discourse into some frame, and start not so wildly from my assayre.

Ham. I am tame Sir, pronounce.

Guild. The Queene your Mother, in most great affliction of spirit, hath sent me to you.

Ham. You are welcome.

Guild. Nay, good my Lord, this courtesie is not of the right breed. If it shall please you to make me a wholsome answer, I will doe your Mothers commandment: if not, your pardon, and my returne shall bee the end of my Businesse.

Ham. Sir, I cannot.

Guild. What, my Lord?

Ham. Make you a wholsome answer: my wits discas'd. But fir, such answers as I can make, you shal command: or rather you say, my Mother: therefore no more but to the matter. My Mother you say.

Rosin. Then thus she sayes: your behavior hath stroke her into amazement, and admiration.

Ham. Oh wonderfull Sonne, that can so astonish a Mother. But is there no sequell at the heeles of this Mothers admiration?

Rosin. She desires to speake with you in her Closet, ere you go to bed.

Ham. We shall obey, were she ten times our Mother. Haue you any further Trade with vs?

Rosin. My Lord, you once did loue me.

Ham. So I do still, by these pickers and stealers.

Rosin. Good my Lord, what is your cause of distemper? You do freely barre the doore of your owne Libertie, if you deny your greeses to your Friend.

Ham. Sir I lacke Aduancement.

Rosin. How can that be, when you haue the voyce of the King himselfe, for your Succession in Denmarke?

Ham. I, but while the grassie growes, the Prouerbe is (something musky).

Enter one with a Recorder.

O the Recorder. Let me see, so withdraw with you, why do you go about to recouer the winde of mee, as if you would driue me into a toyle?

Guild. O my Lord, if my Dutie be too bold, my loue is too vnmanly.

Ham. I do not well vnderstand that. Will you play vpon this Pipe?

Guild. My Lord, I cannot.

Ham. I pray you.

Guild. Beleeue me, I cannot.

Ham. I do beseech you.

Guild. I know no touch of it, my Lord.

Ham. 'Tis as easie as lying: gouerne these Ventiges with your finger and thumbe, giue it breath with your mouth, and it will discourse most excellent Musicke. Looke you, these are the stoppes.

Guild. But these cannot I command to any vtterance of harmony. I haue not the skill.

Ham. Why looke you now, how vnworthy a thing